

## ASSEMBLY'S PLAN TO OBLIGE BALLOT

Judiciary Committee Bill Reported  
Embodying Main Features of  
Belmont Measure,  
FOR PUBLIC CAMPAIGN GIFTS  
Requires Every Candidate and Committee  
to File Detailed Statement of Re-  
ceipts and Disbursements.

[SPECIAL DESPATCH TO THE HERALD.]  
ALBANY, N. Y., Wednesday.—Publicity of campaign expenditures made by committees or individuals is almost at a standstill in the Assembly. The measure was drawn by the committee and appears as a committee bill, although it contains many of the main features of the Belmont bill and the bill proposed by the Association for the Prevention of Corrupt Practices. This association has pledged itself, if the bill is passed, to continue in existence for the purpose of seeing that it is carried out.

Robert J. Cox, of Buffalo, chairman of the Judiciary Committee, made the following statement as to the contents of the committee bill:—

"The Judiciary Committee has reported a committee bill dealing with the question of publicity as to campaign contributions, leaving other branches of the question for further consideration. This bill in its amended form combines features contained in the several bills heretofore introduced, with certain amendments and additions which have seemed wise to the committee."

"It requires every candidate and every political committee to file a statement of his or its receipts and disbursements, showing such disbursements in detail, accompanied by vouchers in cases of items exceeding \$10 in amount. As to political committees, no report is required if the expenditure is less than \$200. It also exempts persons and corporations engaged in publication and the circulation of newspapers. The bill further provides a procedure whereby the filing of statements may be required under penalty. It also provides for the appointment of a committee of five members to investigate the propriety of the matter being given to the Supreme Court or any justice thereof."

"It requires a bond to be given to cover costs which may be subsequently awarded. The court is required to hold a summary judgment on the petition and to summon witnesses for that purpose, at which inquest all parties may appear in person or by counsel and heard. A list of the days is imposed within which a petition may be filed and the proceedings are given a precedence over other actions, the general purpose of these provisions being to require speedy action and if possible a determination of questions involved before the officers will be required to take office."

## TO ENLARGE CITY'S WATER SUPPLY

Senate Adopts Resolution Advancing  
Campaign Against \$161,000,000  
Catskill Project.

[SPECIAL DESPATCH TO THE HERALD.]  
ALBANY, N. Y., Wednesday.—Steps were taken in the Legislature to-day to advance the campaign against the one hundred and sixty-one million dollar Catskill water scheme and to bring about the substitution of a plan for obtaining more water from Dutchess and Suffolk counties. Senator Saxe's resolution calling upon the State Water Commission to submit to the Senate within ten days all documents in its possession bearing upon the Catskill source of supply, including a report made by Myron Falk, engineer of the commission, was adopted. This report is said to be adverse to the Catskill supply and to recommend an additional supply from Dutchess and Dutchess county, which the bill is now excluded by acts of the Legislature.

It is urged that the total capacity of the Croton watershed in a dry season is 100,000,000 gallons a day, while the daily consumption of the city in 1905 was 30,000,000 gallons. Dutchess county is capable of yielding 30,000,000 gallons a day and Suffolk county 100,000,000 gallons more.

The European edition of the Herald, in addition to its full cable service daily, publishes supplements with the arrival of every mail, containing an epitome of the news from all parts of the Union.

## FAVORS GIVING MAYORALTY RECOUNT

Judiciary Committee Reports Bill Providing for Opening of Ballot Boxes in This City.

[SPECIAL DESPATCH TO THE HERALD.]  
ALBANY, N. Y., Wednesday.—Machinery of legislation was set in motion to-day by the Assembly Judiciary Committee to give William R. Hearst a recount of the votes cast in the last election. The committee reported the Murphy recount bill, which was drawn by counsel for Mr. Hearst and introduced in the Senate by Senator Haines.

This bill provides that the ballot boxes shall be opened in every election district in the city where there was an apparent mistake in the count of the votes or where it is impossible to tell what the actual count was. The boxes may also be opened where charges of bribery or fraud are made. This measure is practically all the boxes in the city may be opened.

There were only two republican votes in the committee against the favorable report on the bill.

## GENERAL ALARM FOR FOX.

Miss Simpson's Rare White Alaskan  
Pet, Trained to Do Tricks, Is  
Lost in Harlem.

Wandering in Harlem, causing grief to its mistress, is a rare white Alaskan fox, which was captured in the gold fields of the far north and trained to be friendly.

It is the property of Miss Ray Simpson, of the Cortright, No. 1,990 Seventh avenue, as was brought to the United States by Alexander Simpson, who is interested in mining properties at Nome.

The fox would lie down at command, play dead, jump through the arms, beg for food and do other tricks which endeared itself to its owner.

It was stolen from the apartment house, Miss Simpson does not think it was stolen. The collar had slipped from its neck and it doubtless was frightened by a dog and scampered away. The police of the West 125th street station sent out a general alarm last night for it.

## OLD TIME ACTOR IN COURT.

His Fall from the "Legitimate" to  
Vaudeville Too Much for Him.

Known to Broadway as Edward Cressey for years, an old time actor was a prisoner in the West Side Police Court yesterday on a charge of intoxication. He is fifty years old and lives at No. 142 West 10th street.

Just in from the road and having hard luck, Cressey started out to forget his troubles. He wound up at Seventy-ninth street and West End avenue with both eyes closed, his nose broken and his scalp badly cut. In court he told the magistrate he had fallen from the "legitimate" drama to vaudeville and had been out on a bit of a lark. He was discharged.

## Circus Opens To-Day with All World's New Thrills



Thus, Way to the Animals

## \$3,000,000 DEFICIT IN FERRIES YEARLY

With This Estimate Negotiations Are Begun to Take Over Seven More Lines.

### THEIR PROFITS THREATENED

No Move Made, However, to Dispose of the Six Per Cent Astoria Ferry.

### Expected Deficits on Ferries Yearly

|                              |           |
|------------------------------|-----------|
| Staten Island.....           | \$300,000 |
| South Brooklyn.....          | 119,000   |
| Union ferries.....           | 500,000   |
| Brooklyn uptown ferries..... | 25,000    |
|                              | \$944,000 |

Interest on money to purchase the three last.....2,000,000  
Interest on money expended for Staten Island ferry.....80,000

Estimated yearly deficit, \$3,024,000  
New terminals, buildings and boats, except for Staten Island ferry, are not included.

Tammany's programme of sternness toward the idea of "municipal ownership and operation" comes at the same time that what Charles F. Murphy calls a Tammany administration is preparing to take over still another ferry system.

Negotiations for the acquisition of the Brooklyn Ferry Company's seven uptown lines have been started. "But not by me," declared J. J. O'Donohue, president of the company, yesterday. "Outside persons have them in charge."

"Yes, we expected our ferries would be wanted next, the city having bought two ferries and gone some length toward taking over a third. I don't know how much we will ask for our ferries."

Unlike the three downtown systems, the uptown ferries still pay a profit. For the Twenty-third street branch, however, the company has declined to renew its lease from the city on the old terms, traffic having fallen off.

Its other leases have two years longer to run. Twenty-three boats are operated and traffic conditions will be so changed by the new Williamsburg Bridge when its facilities are fully developed, and by the East River tunnel and the Blackwell's Island and Manhattan Bridges, that the company is apprehensive about the future.

NAME MEN IN DIFFERENT COMPANIES.  
These up river ferries have earned surplus balances of \$29,000 in 1904, \$19,750 in 1902 and \$14,922 in 1903, but less since then. The New York and East River Ferry Company, which runs two boats to Astoria, has been paying dividends of six per cent per annum regularly.

Both of these systems are partly owned by some of the persons who own the unprofitable downtown Union ferry system. Men who are officers in two or all three of these companies are Theodore F. Jackson, W. A. Nash and H. K. Knapp. While they threaten to discontinue the unprofitable Union ferries on May 1, and are willing to dispose of the Brooklyn ferries, they have made no motion to let go of the six per cent Astoria line.

"SUBVERSIVE" DEFICITS.  
Bourke Cockran, in outlining Tammany's programme, set forth that every proposal that a municipality shall assume operation of utilities and reduce rates to persons using them, regardless of what the service may actually cost, "is an attempt to force some man to bear the expenses of others, because where the outlay for operation exceeds earnings the deficit must be made up by taxation, and this we denounce as socialistic and therefore hostile to justice and subversive of democratic government."

Dock Commissioner estimates that for the two ferry systems already taken over, the yearly deficits will be—Staten Island, \$300,000; South Brooklyn, \$119,000. It is estimated that the deficits for the Union lines would be \$500,000 at least, and for the Brooklyn uptown lines during the first year after the bridge and tunnel openings, \$35,000, which would constantly increase. Interest on purchase money and money for some new terminals and new boats would bring the total deficit beyond \$3,000,000 annually.

Even municipal ownership party leaders do not favor the acquisition of all these ferries in a hurry. John Ford's position is:—

"Ferries are practically obsolete as methods of interborough transportation. But for the shortsightedness of our engineers in not providing for freight as well as passenger traffic in the tunnels ferries would soon be of no real service."

"As it is, we should let the private companies run them as long as they will on fair terms. If they cease to operate them, then, of course, the city must keep them as dead assets and not a penny allowed for them."

## FATAL INFECTION FROM CAT.

Levi Van Blarcom, an Octogenarian,  
Wiped Pet's Eyes and Own with  
the Same Handkerchief.

Being too careful of the health of a pet cat caused the death yesterday of Levi Van Blarcom, of Paterson, N. J. Mr. Van Blarcom, who was eighty-one years old, used his handkerchief two months ago on the eyes of his cat. Afterward he applied the handkerchief to his own eyes, and soon both eyes and face swelled.

Despite the work of several physicians blood poisoning resulted. Mr. Van Blarcom was a widely known political orator in his younger days. He was formerly in the ornamental ceiling business.

## CIRCUS HERE WITH BEGGARS AGAIN ALL NEW THRILLS COMING TO TOWN

"The Limit" Will "Disappoint Chuckling and Expectant Death" in the Garden To-Day.

### TRAINED SHEEP AND GEESSE LARGE DECREASE IN ARRESTS

World, Scraped for Novelties, Supplies Great Collection of Aerial and Equestrian Feats.

To-day the circus is here again. Everybody who is or ever was a boy will go to sniff the sharp odor of the tanbark, hear the animals roar, watch beauty in new lights die death in new ways, laugh at the new jokes of the clowns and wind up hours of eye straining enjoyment with the thrill of the latest lion tamer, "The Limit." Everything that has made the circus a national institution is gathered in Madison Square Garden, together with everything new in the circus realm that could be found by Barnum & Bailey's scouts throughout the world since the big show went into winter quarters last autumn.

In "The Limit" New York will see the latest and most thrilling automobile aerial act. It was brought outright by Barnum & Bailey as soon as it first appeared in Paris. In a car weighing 1,300 pounds a little woman who weighs only eighty pounds is shot down an incline curving upwards at its end. The car releases a spring which trips against the rear axles as the car shoots high in the air. At its highest point it turns completely over backwards and comes down on its wheels twenty-eight feet away. No one ever figured out how it happened if the slightest mistake were made.

"The Dip of Death," which thrilled New York last year is again presented. In this act "chuckling and expectant death," in the language of the veteran press agent, "Tody" Hamilton, "meets disappointment and chaos." Or "The Limit" he writes "a second time, cheated of his prey, the King of Terrors finally flees."

There are many other novelties, including trained geese, sheep and pigs, and scores of gymnasts and equestrians, with new tricks in mid-air, and on horseback. Every one of eleven steamships which arrived in New York during the last ten days brought performers from abroad for the circus.

New freaks crowd the side show hall, and new animals make the menagerie more complete than ever. The first performance will be given this afternoon.

At the dress rehearsal of the circus in the Garden last night, James Kilson, aged seventeen, known as "Sunbeam," a little English acrobat, with the Liétre troupe of acrobats fell from the highest trapeze with terrific force into the net below. He did not give way, and the boy came with only slightly retarded force to the ground.

He was picked up unconscious, suffering from contusions about the body, a dislocated shoulder and possible internal injuries. He was taken to Dr. F. J. House, James T. Elroy, who portrays a Russian cavalryman in the peep spectacle, fell from his horse and received cuts and bruises. He received medical care and was removed to his lodgings.

## REJECTS RED HAIRD JURORS.

Counsel for Italian Accused of Murder Doubts Their Impartiality.

[SPECIAL DESPATCH TO THE HERALD.]  
DENVER, Colo., Wednesday.—Much to the astonishment of officials and spectators, six red haired talemsmen who had been accepted by the State in selecting a jury to try Sabini Perello on charge of the murder of a fellow Italian were excused by Jacob B. Goodhart, attorney for the accused, in the Waterbury Superior Court to-day.

Mr. Goodhart held that his client, because of his swarthy hue, would not be so likely to receive impartial judgment from men of sandy complexion as from those of darker features.

## WEDDED AT MIDNIGHT.

Justice of Peace Called from Slumber to Marry Miss Rose Wade and Howard A. Ridall.

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NEW HAVEN, Conn., Wednesday.—A romantic midnight marriage, in which a Justice of the Peace was called from his slumber to tie the knot, last night made Miss Rose Demareche Wade the wife of Howard A. Ridall, who recently fell heir to about \$200,000.

Both are twenty-one years of age, but the bride has been married before and obtained a divorce.

Last week Mrs. Anna Wade, foster mother of the bride, brought suit against Francis A. Leddy for \$1,000 damages, alleging trespass, said to have been committed in paying attention to the young couple. According to Mrs. Wade, it was due to rivalry between Leddy and Ridall.

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## RACING MEN FIGHT INCREASE OF TAX

Declare That Eight Per Cent Levy Will Work Hardship to the Smaller Tracks.

### LOCAL COURSES UNAFFECTED

Believe, However, Stakes and Purses at Saratoga and Kenilworth Might Have to Be Cut.

Opposition to the proposed increase of the racing tax from five to eight per cent is made by the racing interests on the ground that it would seriously affect the smaller tracks. The Coggeshall bill, which increases the tax, has the support of the agricultural associations, which would profit by it, and some of the up State legislators are willing to oppose the Cassidy-Lansing bill provided the race tracks contribute more to the promotion of large pumpkin exhibits and the giving of prizes for high class pork and poultry.

It was pointed out yesterday by well known patrons of the turf in this city that while the increased tax would not greatly injure the large race tracks, which, under the present conditions, is barely able to hold its own, might suffer considerably if the State tax were increased.

Saratoga has been fairly prosperous for the last few or three seasons, but in the opinion of those who are interested in the promotion of racing as a sport, the position of the tax proposed in the Coggeshall bill would seriously affect the track at the Spa.

"If Senator Coggeshall were to amend his bill so that the weaker tracks were to be exempt from any increase," said one of the Jockey Club officials, "I have no doubt the owners of the others would make no prolonged fight against his bill."

As it is, the passage of the bill undoubtedly means confiscation of Kenilworth and poor prospects of any dividends from Saratoga.

Another appeal said that if the eight per cent tax passed it might mean a possible cutting down of stakes and purses, and this is what the Jockey Club's policy does not approve.

The Rev. Mr. Silcox, who has been mentioned among those opposed to the Cassidy-Lansing bill, could not be seen yesterday. He left word at his house that he had at the present nothing to communicate on the subject.

## CLEAR INSPECTOR SWEENEY.

Charges of Neglect Withdrawn—Jerome After Police "Grafters."

Charges of neglect of duty against Police Inspector Dennis Sweeney, which had been filed against him for supposed failure to stop concerts given at the Fort George Hotel without a license, were withdrawn yesterday by order of Commissioner Bingham.

District Attorney Jerome has practically taken charge of the investigation into the "graft" in the Civil Service examinations when seven sergeants eligible for promotion are said to have paid for preference. Penalties for charges will give way to criminal actions against the men concerned.

## Fined for Wearing Woman's Clothes.

James Davidson, nineteen years old, of No. 1,776 Washington avenue, who was arrested in Tinton avenue on Tuesday evening on the charge of disorderly conduct because he was wearing women's clothes, paid \$1 fine for his masquerading in Morrisania Police Court yesterday.

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## BOWLER RIPS TRAIN STEPS.

Falls Beside New Haven Branch Road and Almost Causes a Wreck.

[SPECIAL DESPATCH TO THE HERALD.]  
NEW HAVEN, Conn., Wednesday.—Falling beside the State line of the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad, near Branford, Conn., to-day, a huge bowler tore every step on the right side of the train off when an accommodation train came along at noon.

Passengers and crew were frightened by the joint. The bowler fell from the heights of about thirty feet. Had it rolled a few inches further it probably would have wrecked the train.

## Fritzi Scheff BELTS

are all the rage. ALL CORRECT MODELS

bear the fac-simile of the following label:—

The Fritzi Scheff REGISTERED BELT.

E. & J. Bass, Belt Makers,

578, 575 Broadway, N. Y.

## Woman Injured by Car Conductor

Is Grabbed by Brutal Railway Employee and Almost Forced Off the Moving Vehicle.

A conductor on a Twenty-third street car Mrs. A. L. Polk, of No. 221 Lexington avenue, sustained a nervous shock on last Sunday morning from which she has now barely recovered. This is the statement made last night to a Herald reporter by the woman's husband.

"It was one of the most outrageous occurrences of which I have ever heard," said Mr. Polk, "and the worst of it all is that the officials of the street railway company assert the conductor did right to maltreat my wife."

With my young daughter my wife left the house on Sunday morning to go to church. They transferred from the Lexington avenue car at Broadway to a west bound car of the Twenty-third street line. The latter car was crowded to the doors and although my daughter, who is petite, succeeded in getting inside, my wife was compelled to stand on the front platform. When the car neared Sixth avenue the

conductor called to my wife to push inside of the car. She endeavored to do so, but did not succeed. Thereupon, with an oath, the conductor rushed at her, grabbed her with both hands and attempted to thrust her off the moving car.

"My wife, in her fright, clung to the door handle and resisted the conductor's strength until several of the passengers came to her aid. In a state of nervous collapse, my wife and daughter then left the car and hurried home. In indignation I went to the company's offices to see about the case, but could obtain no satisfaction. I thereupon wrote Orrin Root, general manager of the company. He replied, stating that the conductor was only doing his duty, as the rules of the company forbade any one riding on the platforms."

"I have seen lawyers about the case and have been assured by them that I could sue the railway company with success."

There have been many such burglaries in that section recently.

## DAYLIGHT BURGLARS GET \$580.

Joseph Meyer, a real estate dealer, of No. 14 West 113th street, reported to the police yesterday that his flat, on the second floor at that address, was entered by burglars on Tuesday afternoon, while the family was away, and a gold watch worth \$60, \$90 in cash and \$30 worth of silverware were stolen.

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Practically everything in the way of auto apparel and supplies is in our assortment.

Men's \$21 auto coats, of dark gray mixtures—double-breasted—storm collar—extra inside flap down front, showerproof—56 inches long.....\$15

Men's \$15 auto coats, made of fancy mixed covers—showerproof, with large leather studs—warranted leather cuffs—double-breasted—all sizes—56 in. long.....\$10

One lot of \$3 black leather caps, well made, of very best quality Danish leather, in two or three snap tourist effects....\$2.50

\$35 lunch baskets, for 6 persons, containing 6 knives, 6 forks, 6 cups, 6 plates, 6 napkins, 2 hotpots, 2 large sandwich boxes, 1 pepper and 1 salt. Special.....\$25

Ladies' \$14.50 pure gum rubber auto coats—warranted, in tan only. These are very fine garments, made full and 58 in. long, all sizes. So full can be used as a \$10 duster.....\$10

Chauffeurs' \$45 all-wool Scotch tweed suits in dark gray—both single and double breasted—Norfolk style, with long trousers and knicker-bockers.....\$30

Chauffeurs' \$14 double-breasted black Danish leather coats—good and full, with large storm collar—all sizes—30 in. long—like illustration.....\$8.00

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